

Cornwall Grandma anxiously awaits marijuana bust

Medical pot user afraid of what will happen with her homegrown stuff after feds change rules April 1

Great ball of fire spotted in N.S.

Actually, it was a bolide — a piece of rock or metal falling from space that glows when it gets hot — but it was still a pretty wild sight





IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME

Master Corporal Anthony Alliot is greeted by his girlfriend Sarah Tooth as he arrives at the airport after the last members of the Canadian Forces returned to Canada, Tuesday, in Ottawa. See story on page 4. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jim Flaherty steps down as finance minister

Back to the private sector. Says move unrelated to his recent health problems

Jim Flaherty is leaving the federal cabinet after more than eight years as finance minister to prepare for a return to the private sector,

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to name his replacement Wednesday.

Flaherty, who delivered his final budget last month, said he made the decision with his family earlier this year

"As I begin another chapter in my life, I leave feeling fulfilled with what we have accomplished as a government and a country during one of the most challenging economic periods in our country's history," he said in a statement.

Vacancy filled?

On Tuesday night, media were reporting that Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver will replace Flaherty as finance minister.

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said Flaherty would be retaining — at least for now — his seat in the House of Commons.

Flaherty is among Canada's longest-serving finance ministers, appointed to the key economic post when the Conservative government first came to power in 2006.

He managed the country's economy through one of its worst economic crises in 2008-2009, running up large deficits, but leaving the books virtually balanced after his Feb. 11 budget.

Speculation about

Flaherty's future has risen in recent years after he acknowledged suffering from a rare skin condition, requiring him to take medication that led to weight gain and apparent fatigue in public appearances.

Harper said he regretted the loss of his No. 1 money man.

"It is with great reluctance that today I accepted the resignation from cabinet of Jim Flaherty, minister of finance, so that he can eventually return to the private sector," the prime minister said in a statement.

"In a political career of almost 20 years, minister Flaherty has exemplified the best qualities of those who enter public life: a true commitment to service, and a sincere desire to leave the country in better shape than it was when he entered politics." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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\$100,000 heist

Fraudster targets Ottawa Bitcoin company: Report

A local Bitcoin exchange company said it was targeted in a fraudulent attack that reportedly took \$100,000 worth of the virtual currency from its internal wallet.

The Oct. 1, 2013, attack allegedly stemmed from a two-hour chat session between a scammer and an employee with Granite Networks, a company that hosts the company's server and was purchased by Rogers Communications.

During the session, a fraudster simply claimed to be Canadian Bitcoins owner James Grant and asked the Granite staffer to reboot a server into safe mode, which allowed him to bypass security, according to a report from the Ottawa Citizen.

The attacker was able to get his hands on 149 bitcoins, which are valued at approximately \$100,000. Business Insider called it "the easiest Bitcoin heist of

Grant declined an interview request with Metro on Tuesday.

'While we did suffer a loss of Bitcoins, please rest assured that this was only a portion of our business holdings, and since Canadian Bitcoins does NOT store ANY Bitcoins on a customer's behalf, there was zero chance of any losses to customers," read a statement on the company's website Tuesday. "It was only our own, internal float that was affected. All do not maintain a 'balance' with us." joe lofaro/metro



West Quebec voters left off voting lists

Are vou reaistered? Residents of Wakefield. Gatineau Hills, Pontiac have reported errors



TREVOR GREENWAY

At 85, Clarence Hamilton knows how to vote in a provin-

But this year, Hamilton found his name missing on the registered voters list at electionsquebec.qc.ca. With an important election looming that could lead to a referendum on the separation of Quebec, he wants his voice heard.

"It's a God-given right and we want to vote. It doesn't matter how we vote, we want to vote," he said from his Wakefield home. "They are talking about, if it goes to a referendum, fifty per cent plus one.

"It's a God-given right and we want to vote. It doesn't matter how we vote, we want to vote."

Wakefield resident Clarence Hamilton, 85

Outgoing Pontiac MNA Charlotte L'Écuyer has been fielding calls at her Aylmer office all week from panicking Liberal supporters. She remembers two years ago the same thing happened and polls were changed at the last minute. She doesn't want her successor, André Fortin, to miss out on votes.

"We don't know exactly how many, but we are really looking into it," said L'Écuyer. 'The problem I find is that there isn't very much publicity on how to get on the list if you are not there."

Liberal MNA for Gatineau Stéphanie Vallée has heard similar complaints from her constituents and calls it an oversight, but she is warning voters to take the necessary steps to get registered, as March 25 is the last day to be added to the list.

Dominic Vallières, Parti Québécois spokesperson for Pontiac, told Metro he has not heard of any complaints from prospective voters.







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Finally home. Tears, hugs greet Canadian soldiers back from Afghanistan

The last Canadian soldiers to leave Afghanistan arrived home Tuesday to tears, hugs from family and friends and a pledge from Stephen Harper that May 9 will be set aside to honour their contributions and

"On that day Canada will recognize those who fought, remember those who fell and salute all who contributed," the prime minister said as he welcomed home the last 93 soldiers.

Canadian soldiers fought pitched battles against the Taliban and braved the everpresent threat of improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, while trying to build schools, roads and other infrastructure in the perilous southern province of Kandahar.

In addition to the 158 members of the Canadian military who died in Afghanistan since 2002, a Canadian diplomat, a journalist and two civilian contractors were also killed.

For some in the welcoming crowd, the homecoming had a sombre note.

Gail and Mark Freeman, whose son, Pte. Michael Free-

"We lost our son in 2008 and we never got to go to a homecoming this way, and we wanted to make sure that we were here today."

man, was killed in Afghanistan on Dec. 26, 2008, drove to the morning ceremony from Peterborough, Ont.

"We just want to be here to support them," Gail Freeman said as she fought back tears.

"We lost our son in 2008 and we never got to go to a homecoming this way, and we wanted to make sure that we were here today."

The final contingent flew in to Ottawa aboard a C-17 transport, escorted by a pair of

The soldiers filed off the plane to a receiving line that included Harper, Gov. Gen. David Johnston and Gen. Tom Lawson, the chief of the defence staff. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Grandmother waits in angst for police pot raid

Health. Laurie MacEachern uses medical marijuana to treat several ailments

A 54-year-old "grandmother with no criminal record" is waiting for the day RCMP officers show up to raid her Cornwall home. She expects it to be any day now.

Laurie MacEachern uses medical marijuana to treat her idiopathic neuropathy, fibromyalgia, irritable bowel syndrome and spinal injury. She grows her own pot in a home garden, but when April 1 rolls around, she will be considered a criminal.

"We are all pretty stressed out," said MacEachern, breaking down into sobs.

Under new Health Canada rules, patients will no longer be allowed to grow their own medicine and will be forced to buy pot from a list of federalapproved growers under the new Marijuana for Medical Purposes Řestrictions (MMPR) program.

MacEachern — and 40,000 other medical marijuana patients - have also been ordered by Health Canada to provide a written statement attesting that they "no longer possess marijuana (dried marijuana, plants or seeds) obtained under the old program" and those who have been authorized to grow must also state that production has stopped and plants have been destroyed.

Those who don't comply will be added to a growing RCMP list of potential law-



What happens April 1 when the medical marijuana rules

RCMP officers can't storm into medical marijuana patients' homes without a warrant, but getting one under these circumstances may not be so difficult,

according to Ottawa lawyer Leo Russomanno.

"They would have to have reasonable grounds to believe you are committing a criminal offence," Russomanno, an associate with Webber Schroeder Goldstein Abergel told Metro Tuesday.

He said he could see this list of non-compliers being considered "reasonable grounds."

"It's an open question whether that would, in and of itself, constitute reasonable grounds, but it might go towards that."

MacEachern's name will be on that list.

"I have already notified my doctor and my lawyer that I have absolutely no idea how I can comply or medicate after the first of April," she told Metro, breaking down into tears.

MacEachern says she doesn't want to break the law, but can't afford to buy

Animal house

from home

from Health Canada's list of approved growers, which offer pot for as low as \$4.88 per gram. MacEachern consumes 12 grams daily and grew enough pot for a year for less than \$500 in her back yard.

She says she can't afford to destroy the limited marijuana she has left.

"Anybody on a disability

pension can barely afford to live," she said, adding her disability pension would only pay for about one-tenth of her pot prescription.

So she waits for the drug raid — or hopes that B.C. lawyer John Conroy wins an injunction case that could extend the old rules for home growers. Trevor greenway/metro



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Police seize 21 dogs, plus lizards and a cat

More than 30 animals have been rescued from unsanitary living conditions at a Gatineau residence, police

In response to several complaints, Gatineau Animal Control, along with the police, seized a number of animals from 46 Totem Street on the morning of

At the residence they found 21 small dogs, one cat, and 12 lizards — three of which were dead from dehydration — in a terrarium.

Gatineau Police said they were not able to disclose the identity of the man in question, but police spokesman Pierre Lanthier said the man "might be facing a lot of charges."

The owner of the animals could receive fines for municipal bylaw infractions of about \$14,800.

The charges include keeping a kennel without a permit, mistreatment of animals through malnutrition and lack of suitable shelters, as well as not having a licence for pet ownership.

"The animals were brought to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for a vet's assessment," said Lanthier.

On initial assessment the veterinarians said several of the lizards suffered from dehydration and the dogs showed signs of malnutri-

A full report on the health conditions of the animals will be submitted to police at a later date. An investigation is ongoing and the animals will not be returned to the owner until the charges are resolved, police said.

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Ottawa will host two exclusive world premieres of dance productions next year as part of the National Arts Centre's 2014-15 dance season.

Unveiled Tuesday, the next season will bring 20 dances, including six Canadian premieres, from more than a dozen countries, with a dynamic blend of classical ballet pieces and contemporary dance.

The two world premieres will be presented by Vancouver's Amber Funk Barton in

October and Tedd Robinson. NAC associate dance artist, in

Pretty much the whole season is work that has never before been in Ottawa, which is thrilling," said Cathy Levy, executive producer of dance

"I think that there's a lot on our season that is very accessible. Like Vollmond, even though it's Pina Bausch who is known to be very contemporary, is a very accessible piece.

The late choreographer Bausch's piece Vollmond will bedazzle audience members with a wet and wild water performance on stage.

Familiar but never-beforeseen in Ottawa performances include Alberta Ballet's The Nutcracker and The National Ballet of Canada's produc-

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Tickets don't go sale until the fall, but dance enthusiasts can sign up to a subscription at the NAC or on their website.

tion of Alice's Adventure in Wonderland.

The theme of the season is "A world of dance comes to Ottawa," which boasts productions from France, Japan, Sweden, and South Africa.

"We get to represent so many different tendencies or trends that are going on in the world. And I think that we're really fortunate to be able to do that," said Levy. "There aren't' that many venues in North America where you can see such a vast array of work."



Louise Lecavalier hoists her leg in the air during a preview of her dance So Blue at the National Arts Centre, Tuesday, during the unveiling of the 2014-15 dance season lineup. Lecavalier will perform with her partner Frédéric Tavernini on Oct. 8-9, 2014. JOE LOFARO/METRO







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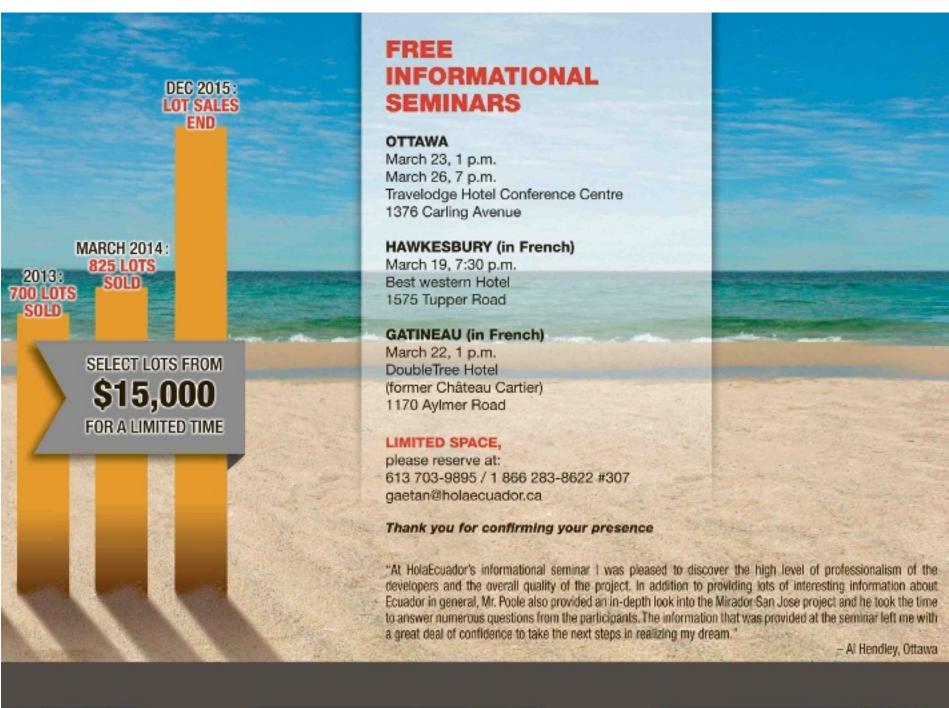


Gordon Poole



Originally from Winnipeg, MB and now resident of Aylmer, QC, Gordon Poole is an engineer and professional project manager with an MBA, and has lived abroad while working on dozens of large-scale international projects. Co-owner Yves Cormier, from Trois-Rivières, QC, has a degree in business and over 20 years of experience in real estate investment and construction projects.

Gordon and Yves began their exhaustive search for the ideal international investment project in 2008. After researching countries such as Mexico, Costa-Rica and Panama, they were mutually convinced that Ecuador had all the ingredients of a perfect site. The quality of the country's infrastructure, unparalleled landscapes and biodiversity, extremely low cost of living,









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Seattle to revisit policy on helicopter landing pads after deadly crash

KOMO-TV. The news helicopter took off from the station before it went down

The city of Seattle will reexamine its policy on helicopter landing pads in response to Tuesday's fatal crash at a busy downtown intersection.

Mayor Ed Murray said at a news conference hours after the wreck that Seattle's regulations on helipads changed at least 20 years ago, when the city instituted more rules and limited where helicopters could take off and land.

"In consultation with the council, we will decide if we need to adjust our policies," he

The crash Tuesday morning happened as a news helicopter took off from a helipad at the KOMO-TV station. The chopper went down on a street near the Space Needle and exploded into flames, hitting three vehicles and setting them on

Both people aboard the helicopter were killed, and a man in a car was badly hurt. The wreck also sent burning fuel flowing down the street.

An online list of public and private airports in King County indicates Seattle has a dozen heliports. Two are run by the University of Washington; two are at area hospitals; one is operated by the Boeing Company; three are run by TV stations; and the rest are listed as private corporate sites.

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In this photo provided by KOMO-TV, a car burns at the scene of a helicopter crash outside the KOMO-TV studios near the Space Needle in Seattle on Tuesday. Kelly koopmans/komo-tv/the associated pr

Poll. 1 in 4 Canadian kids admit to cyberbullying

About one in four Canadian kids surveyed about cyberbullying admitted they have been "mean or cruel" to someone online, while more than one in three say they've been a victim, according to a newly released study.

But experts say cyberbullying is probably not as rampant or serious as some parents would believe.

Matthew Johnson is director of education for the non-profit organization MediaSmarts, which worked last year with schools in each province and territory to poll 5,436 students in grades 4 through 11 about

"What we see in fact is that it is much less common and much smaller numbers of students experience significant harm," says Johnson.

Most commonly, students said the bullying act they committed was name-calling (78 per cent), while very few students owned up to more serious bad behaviour. Just 12 per cent said they made fun of someone's race or religion, seven per cent said they teased a peer about their sexual orientation, and four per cent said they sexually harassed someone.

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10 boys implicated

Community deals with sexting case

Community leaders and police in Terrace, B.C., have worked quickly to resolve a series of texting of sexually explicit images involving 10 boys. RCMP Const. Angela Rabut says a

four-month investigation found the youths, between the ages of 12 and 16, were involved in sending or receiving the images of minor girls and cyberbullying. Rabut says a community approach was developed to stop the sexual exploitation of youth by youth.

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'Fireball' sighting creates a buzz in N.S.

'It's not Star Trek'.
Science expert says
bright light falling out
of the sky was a bolide



A large flash that appeared

in the sky early Tuesday morning had dozens of Nova Scotians talking, but a local science guru said the cause is "not so mysterious."

According to meteorologist Richard Zurawski, the fireball seen streaking out of the sky was a bolide — a piece of rock or metal falling from space that glows when it burns up in the atmosphere, and its kinetic energy is trans-

ferred to heat and light.

"It's a pretty typical thing. Seeing it over the Maritimes is a little unusual, but this happens thousand of times probably every 24 hours," he said, adding they can last up to five or six seconds with a long, bright tail depending on how big the chunk of space debris was.

"It goes from 20 to 40 kilometres a second," Zurawski

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said, and are usually the size of a human head or larger.

Some people have found pieces of bolides that reach the ground, which are then known as meteorites, he said.

Although many of these fall to earth every day, Zurawski said it's unusual for people to spot one because there's so much unpopulated space in the Arctic tundra, ocean or desert where they could land.



Random act of kindness. Stranger hands couple, two others, \$50 bills

June Bond said she was "still shaking" Tuesday afternoon as she talked about a mysterious stranger walking up to her Dartmouth, N.S., home and handing over two \$50 bills.

Bond and Bill MacNamara were having a cigarette on their porch around 9 a.m. Tuesday when a yellow Nissan Xterra pulled up and the man got out, she said.

At first she thought he might have been selling something, Bond said, before he handed over the bills and two silver \$5 coins. She said he then told the couple to "look up and say thank you" as he pointed to the sky.

"You hear of random acts of kindness but it's usually a Tim Horton's coffee ... you don't get \$100," Bond said. "It came at a time that we needed it too."

Bond said she wanted to tell their story so she could find the modern-day Robin Hood and give him a big hug and ask him why he gave

away the money.

The man had dark hair, a salt and pepper beard, was dressed like a "normal every day guy" and didn't look especially rich, Bond said.

He even gave out two more \$50 bills to two women in the nearby parking lot of a convenience store, said a man working at the store's counter.

The stranger handed over the money and said it was a message from God or something similar before the women excitedly ran into the store, he said.

MacNamara said the man told them to pass along the money if they knew of someone else who needed it more than them, and Bond said they will definitely find a way to "pay it forward."

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Seal hunt supporters rally

An Inuit student poses in a sealskin jacket during a rally Tuesday on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Canada and Norway are in the process of appealing the World Trade Organization's recent decision to uphold a four-year-old European Union ban on seal products. The three-day WTO appeal hearing wraps up Wednesday and a final ruling is expected next month. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

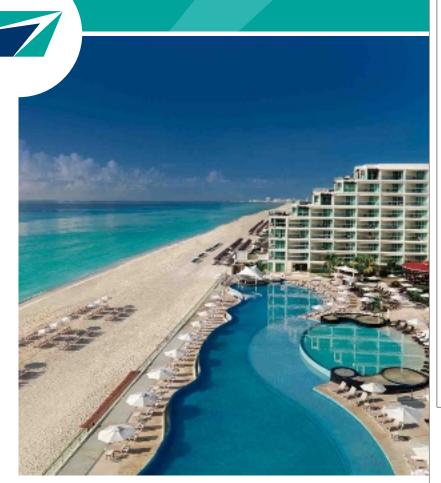


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Putin welcomes

Annexation. Russian president dismisses criticism, blasting the West as hypocrites and Ukraine as run by radical nationalists

With a sweep of his pen, President Vladimir Putin added Crimea to the map of Russia on Tuesday, describing the move as correcting a past injustice and responding to what he called Western encroachment upon Russia's vital interests.

While his actions were met with cheers in Crimea and Russia, Ukraine's new government called Putin a threat to the whole world and U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden warned that the U.S. and Europe will impose further sanctions against Moscow.

"The world has seen through Russia's actions and has rejected the flawed logic," Biden said as he met



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Crimea back into the fold



the Kremlin, Putin said he was merely restoring order

to history by incorporating Crimea.

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"I have heard residents of Crimea say that back in 1991 they were handed over like a sack of potatoes."

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who declared that the collapse of the Soviet Union made Russians "the largest divided people in the world."

"In people's hearts and minds, Crimea has always been an integral part of Russia," he declared, dismissing Western criticism of Sunday's Crimean referendum as a manifestation of the West's double standards.

Often interrupted by applause, Putin said the rights of ethnic Russians in Ukraine had been abused by the new Ukrainian government and insisted that Crimea's vote to join Russia was in line with international law and reflected its right for self-determination.

Putin said his actions followed what he described as Western arrogance, hypocrisy and pressure, and warned that the West must drop its stubborn refusal to take Russian concerns into

account.

"If you push a spring too hard at some point it will spring back," he said, addressing the West. "You always need to remember this."

While Putin boasted that the Russian takeover of Crimea was conducted without a single shot, a Ukrainian military spokesman said one Ukrainian serviceman was killed and another injured when a military facility in Crimea was stormed Tuesday by armed men just hours after Putin's speech.

Putin argued that the months of protests in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv which prompted President Viktor Yanukovych to flee to Russia had been instigated by the West to weaken Russia. He cast the new Ukrainian

government as illegitimate, driven by radical "nationalists, neo-Nazis, Russophobes and anti-Semites."

In response, Ukraine's new government called Putin dangerous.

"Today's statement by Putin showed in high relief what a real threat Russia is for the civilized world and international security," Ukrainian foreign ministry spokesman Evhen Perebinis said on Twitter. "(The annexation) has nothing to do with law or with democracy or sensible thinking."

Displaying strong emotion, Putin accused the West of cheating Russia and ignoring its interests in the years that followed the 1991 Soviet collapse.

"They have constantly tried to drive us into a corner for our independent stance," Putin said. "But there are limits. And in the case of Ukraine, our Western partners have crossed a line. They have behaved rudely, irresponsibly and unprofessionally." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The view from home

Canadian sanctions won't isolate Russia, says ambassador

Russia's ambassador to Canada says sanctions from the West over Ukraine won't isolate his country, and expelling it from the G8 would only hurt stability around the world

Energy-thirsty Asian countries such as China are waiting in the wings if Europe and North America decide they won't want Russia's resources, Georgiy Mamedov said Tuesday.

Canada joined the United States and other countries in imposing sanctions on Russia as a result of Sunday's vote in Crimea, but Mamedov shrugged off the sanctions. "I've been around and you can't isolate Russia," he said.

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Thai military reports 10-day-old radar blips that could be missing airplane

MH370. That air force didn't pay attention to the signal at first and said Malaysia's initial request for info wasn't specific enough

Investigators trying to solve the mystery of a missing Malaysian jetliner received some belated help Tuesday from Thailand, whose military said it took 10 days to report radar blips that might have been the plane "because we did not pay attention to it."

A coalition of 26 countries, including Thailand, is looking for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which vanished March 8 with 239 people aboard on a night flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. Search crews are scouring two giant arcs of territory amounting to the size of Australia — half of it in the



remote seas of the southern Indian Ocean.

Malaysian officials said early in the search that they suspected the plane backtracked and flew toward the Strait of Malacca, just west of Malaysia. But it took a week for them to confirm Malaysian military radar data that suggested that route. On Tuesday, Thai military officials said their own radar showed an unidentified plane, possibly Flight 370, flying toward the strait beginning minutes after the Malaysian jet's

transponder signal was lost.

Air force spokesman Air Vice Marshal Montol Suchookorn said the Thai military doesn't know whether the plane it detected was Flight

Thailand's failure to quick-

But how do you lose an airplane?

Flight 370 must be somewhere. But the same can be said for Amelia Earhart's plane. So what if the airplane is never found?

While rare nowadays, history is not short of such mysteries — from the most famous of all, American aviator Earhart, to planes and ships disappearing in the so-called Bermuda Triangle.

When something like this happens that confounds us, we're offended by it, and we're scared by it," said Ric Gillespie, a former U.S. aviation accident investigator.

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ly share possible information about the plane may not substantially change what Malaysian officials now know, but it raises questions about the degree to which some countries are sharing their defence data.

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Fan-made content is music to record executives' ears

YouTube. User uploads earning music biz more dough than official videos

The recording industry is making more money from fan-made mashups, lip-syncs and tributes on YouTube than from official music videos.

"It's a massive growth area. We're very excited about the creativity of consumers using our repertoire and creating their own versions of our videos," said Francis Keeling, the global head of digital business for Universal Music Group.

With one billion users worldwide, YouTube is the most used music service in the world, according to the annual Music Report released Tues-

Hitting the right notes

New revenue streams are good news for the music industry, which saw a global decline in revenues of 3.9% in 2013 to about \$15 billion US.

day by IFPI, an organization that represents 1,300 record companies around the world.

"Âll record companies make their repertoire available to YouTube," Keeling explained.

The video website, owned by Google, alerts record companies when a YouTube user uploads content that uses a copyrighted song.

Rather than order the video removed for copyright infringement, the record company can instead choose to run ads before and during the video, making money off the video's views.

For example, a video of American comedian Steve Kardynal wearing a bikini and lipsynching Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe for unsuspecting viewers on Chatroulette racked up more than 14 million views, which earned ad dollars for the record label behind Jepsen's hit single.

User-generated content is actually generating more money for record labels than the official music videos posted by record labels, Keeling said.

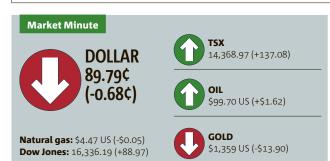
"A lot of that is due to consumers putting more and more repertoire and new versions up there, but also it's YouTube getting better at advertising," he said.

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The winter of flyers' discontent

A flight board shows JetBlue cancellations at Logan International Airport on Jan. 7 in Boston, a day after the airline cancelled nearly all operations into Logan because of bad weather. It was that kind of month for JetBlue, and it was that kind of month for all U.S. airlines, which posted one of their worst January on-time performances ever, as winter storms pounded parts of the country. One-third of all flights arrived late, the rate of cancelled flights was the second-highest ever, and reports of mishandled bags soared. STORY: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; PHOTO: DARREN MCCOLLESTER/GETTY IMAGES



Canadian report

41.1% of small businesses use url

A new study says fewer than half of Canada's small businesses have an online presence and may be losing sales opportunities. Overall, it found that 45.5 per cent of Canadian businesses are online. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Help Robbie find a job

Finding a job sucks.

There are always hundreds of qualified applicants to compete with, so it's basically a crapshoot every time someone drops off a resumé or clicks "Submit" on an online job application.

Couple that with being new in a town where you don't know anyone to nudge you in the right direction and you're in Vancouverite Robbie Cooke's position.

"Well, I moved out to Vancouver late last year and I knew that the job market wasn't amazing out here, but I didn't know it would be this bad," Cooke said. "I heard some places will get thousands of responses or applicants, so one day I figured why not take a different approach."



It was in his most dire moment that Cooke, with his marketing background, cooked up a plan. Instead of going to a traditional headhunter, he went to the biggest headhunter of them all: the Internet.

The result is helprobbiefindajob.com. By way of the site, Cooke is offering 10 per cent of his initial starting salary to anyone who helps him set up an interview and land a job. If he gets \$60,000 a year, the gobetween gets \$6,000 — after the probation period ends.

Since setting up the website on March 15, Cooke said, he's received two offers for interviews, but nothing is official yet.

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U.S. states look at 'free' tuition

Nothing sparks consumer demand like the word "free," and politicians in some states have proposed the idea of providing that incentive to get young people to attend community college.

Amid worries that U.S. youth are losing a global skills race, supporters of a notuition policy see expanding

access to community college as a way to boost educational attainment so the emerging workforces in their states look good to employers.

Of course, such plans aren't free for taxpayers, and legislators in Oregon and Tennessee are deciding whether free tuition regardless of family income is the best use of public money. A Mississippi bill passed the state House, but then failed in the Senate.

The debate comes in a midterm election year in which income inequality and the burdens of student debt are likely going to be significant issues.

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AND THE MOST FAMOUS CANADIAN IS...

by Kim Kardashian.

which makes sense because he's Canadian

Bad Boy Number One, right up there with Rob

Ford. Number four is Celine Dion, who's cer-

nothing long ago, before she was supplanted

the process is obviously flawed. Garbage in,

garbage out. What can you expect from re-

search that would have us believe that the

world's most famous actor is Molière? (Thou-

sands of commuters call up Molière on their

something to say about that, in iambic pent-

devices, only to discover a 17th century French playwright. Shakespeare would have

As statistically sound as it appears to be,

tainly famous in Vegas, but number five is Pamela Anderson, who was famous for doing

Quick! Who's the most famous Canadian in the world?

Chris Hadfield, the singing astronaut? Christopher Plummer, the Oscar-winning

Wayne Gretzky, the Great One? Nope, it's Avril Lavigne, that's who.

That's if you believe an MIT research project called Pantheon that combed through online references to anyone between 4,000 BC and 2010 who has a Wikipedia reference in more than 25 languages.

It's bad enough that MIT has anointed a pop has-been in the waning stages of her career as the most famous Canadian ever, but our credulity is strained to the breaking point as it goes down the list.

The second most famous Canadian is Jim Carrey? Jim Carrey hasn't had a hit since the '90s and his most recent effort is Dumb and Dumber To.

The outrage continues: Justin Bieber is number three,



Paul Sullivan

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ameter, no less.) You have to wonder what Avril Lavigne is thinking, as she lounges by the pool out there somewhere in pop-tart land with her arguably more famous husband Chad Kroeger, lead singer for Nickelback. "Like, Chad, I told you I was more

famous than you are. In fact, I'm more famous than Pamela Anderson.

I really don't think MIT should be encouraging this sort of

Chad, by the way, did not make the list even though he's the front man for Billboard's top rock group of the 2000s.

The rest of the top 25 list continues to undermine the credibility of the MIT findings. Either that, or I don't get out enough these days. Somebody named Chris Benoit is the 12th most famous Canadian in the world, more famous than Avatar director James Cameron (14) and Marshall McLuhan (17) the man who said "The medium is the message." Boy, was he right on. Just not as famous as Avril Lavigne or Chris Benoit, whoever he is.

It may be this list is telling the truth, and in the words of that famous American Jack Nicholson, we can't handle the truth. So, like most people who don't like what they hear, I propose to ignore all this ... data, and go on thinking that Glenn Gould, the world's greatest pianist (19), is more famous, and deservedly so, than some guy named Chris

ZOOM

Birds of a spider flock together

Spider's display is courtship dance

This male spider tries to attract a female by showing offits colours — just like a peacock. The maratus, also known as the peacock spider, flaunts its stunning blue, red and green flaps to catch the eye of a female. The spider, one of 43 species of maratus, was found by biologist Jurgen Otto near Esperance, Western Australia. metro

Quoted

"The males do not discriminate between the females of different species and will display their bright bodies to females that belong to other species." Jurgen Otto

Arachnid gives bird's-eye view

This species of peacock spider, the maratus avibus, really does look like a feathered creature.

'The design on the spider's abdomen looks like two birds facing each other which made experts choose the name 'avibus', meaning 'birds' in Latin," says Otto.



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It's that time of year again: the dreaded tax season. With a few weeks to go to file, might as well check it off the to-do list now. You can shell out and get your accountant to take care of it, or stay home, brew a cup of coffee and get it done yourself. Here are a few CRA Netfile-certified online/mobile options to (hopefully) take some of the pain away.



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SnapTax:

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UFile:

UFile is free if you're a tax newbie, student or make less than \$20K or have a very simple return (one single T4 and no other fancy account). Filling individual returns start at \$16 and lets you add a spouse for \$10.

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@metropicks asked: Governments and private companies have their sights on mining the moon. Do you think it's a good idea?

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Filmmaker explores teen genre in Beyond Clueless

SXSW. Documentary examines teen movies from more than 200 not-quite classics



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First-time filmmaker Charlie Lyne came to SXSW to premiere Beyond Clueless, his exploration of teen movies. Less a traditional, talking heads doc than a lyrical, fluid examination of the genre, Lyne gives the scholarly and artistic treatment to a class of films usually excluded from such pursuits, with narration by Fairuza Balk and visuals from more than 200 teen not-quite classics.

How has it been, bringing your first film to SXSW?

What's nice is it feels like we're repeating the experience of doing the Kickstarter now because it's going out to a load of people who have no idea who any of us are but have some bearing on this subject matter.

They have some sort of built-in interest in the subject of teen movies because most people tend to have that. Everyone has that film that they grew up watching and obsessing over, and usually it's a film that is quite singular to them.

So is Clueless that movie for you?

Clueless is a film I completely love and certainly growing up it was one of my five or 10 that I would go back to again and again and again, but actually the ones I always found more fascinating were the ones that, for lack of a better word, aren't quite as good as

The teen genre for me is most fascinating when it doesn't quite work, you know? There's plenty of teen movies that I think are unequivocally brilliant — wouldn't change a thing, perfect movies — stuff like Clueless, stuff like Cruel Intentions, that just really work and know themselves.

But the teen movies that I find fascinating are the ones that aren't quite there, that have so much buried beneath



Quoted

"That was what was brilliant and terrifying about doing this film, was watching all these films that I unthinkingly took on at 13 and going, 'Oh God, what awful lessons was I learning? What was I accepting about myself on the basis of this film?' So it's been good therapy. I'm now a functional human being after going through my teen movie demons." Filmmaker Charlie Lyne

the skin but don't quite know what they are. There's so much more going on that even the film itself isn't really aware of — which perfectly mirrors the experience of being a teenager.

So a film with an identity crisis?

Exactly. So many of them seem to have these palpable identity crises going on inside them. Something like Idle Hands. A film about a teenage boy who has an attractive girl move in next door and suddenly finds that he can't control his right hand — it doesn't seem like a stretch to say that's a metaphor for something. And yet you look

back at the way people talked about it when it first came out and there's nothing about that. It's all just, "Devon Sawa is reasonably OK in this middling horror vehicle."

They seem to go in cycles of popularity, teen movies.

Almost to the year, you can watch how it's 10 years on, five years off. So you have 1982 to 1989, roughly — massive. John Hughes, Brat Pack, the famous teen movie era that people still talk about as being a kind of golden age. Huge.

And then you look at 1990 to 1994, almost nothing. Even the films that are there don't feel like teen movies exactly

as we know them. They feel like sort of hangovers from the '80s, like people trying to make John Hughes teen movies five years late.

And then it takes a couple of films — Clueless — to rejuvenate that, and suddenly you have another 10 years where it's just on and it's huge again, and you have more teen movies produced in a smaller amount of time than ever before. And then of course it dies again.

And I was unlucky. All these movies that I've made the film about are the ones that I was watching on VHS and DVD when I was growing up. But actually the ones that were in cinemas when I was a teenager were kind of awful.

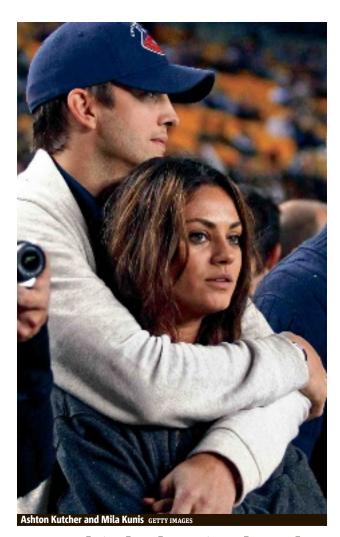
The teen market is also one that never really goes away in Hollywood.

Surely it's the one film genre that openly states who it's for in its very title. I love that about it, I think there's something really interesting about films that are explicitly marketed toward the most malleable, impressionable group. And why wouldn't they be the most fascinating to talk about when they have so much power over people?

much power over people? I think everyone would be willing to admit that they were in at least some way shaped by the films that they saw at that age. That was what was brilliant and terrifying about doing this film, was watching all these films that I unthinkingly took on at 13 and going, "Oh God, what awful lessons was I learning? What was I accepting about myself on the basis of this film?" So it's been good therapy. I'm now a functional human being after going through my teen

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Lovebirds despised each other on set of That '70s Show, say former co-stars

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis are set to tie the knot and seem ridiculously happy together, and no one is more surprised than their former That '70s Show colleagues.

"Everyone shakes their head over the romance," a source says, explaining that the pair "despised each other" while making the hit sitcom, according to Radar Online. "Ashton and Mila were absolutely not friends during much of the making of That '70s Show. In fact, they couldn't stand working together."

That all changed, apparently, after Kutcher's very public split from ex-wife Demi Moore. "Mila was the one who came forward to bury the hatchet," the source explains. "Everyone's amazed at how different Ashton and Mila are together from when they were younger. It's such a total change."



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Courtney Love finds missing airplane, according to Courtney Love

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Courtney Love is about as stable as Los Angeles was at 6:25 a.m. on Monday. If given the choice, I would not elect Courtney to the position of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 Finder-In-Chief — for that, I'd probably go with an international team of aviation experts.

However, the international team of aviation experts haven't turned up much, have they? Every day they widen the search area so much that I presume

we'll soon be looking on the moon. Courtney Love, on the other hand, believes she knows exactly where it is, so maybe we ought to give her a shot.

"I'm no expert but up close this does look like a plane and an oil slick," she tweeted, with a link to a satellite photo showing an empty-looking stretch of ocean.

Love then tweeted that the location was "like a mile away Pulau Perak, where they 'last' tracked it." She also added some childishlooking scrawls over the photo pointing to where she thinks the plane and oil are.

I really don't know what I'll do with myself if it turns out she's right. Then again, Courtney Love Finding Missing People All Around the World Through the Power of MS Paint is definitely a TV show I'd watch.



Eerie posts appear on L'Wren's social media feeds

Designer L'Wren Scott's sudden death Monday was made even more shocking when her social media accounts continued posting several hours after she died.

Because of previously scheduled posts or a PR team that wasn't yet aware of her passing, several Facebook posts and tweets appeared after her death was announced, confusing and upsetting her followers.

Perhaps the eeriest image was a photo of several of Scott's designs hung from a tree and apparently lit from within, which appeared on the designer's Facebook just hours after her death was announced. A strange, ghostly image indeed, after the designer's apparent suicide.

Her Twitter account also remained active, leaving some fans unsure of whether her death was a hoax or not. Fashion blogger Bryan Boy shared a befuddled screenshot and tweeted, "But Lwren

tweeted 3 hours ago????

Scott was Mick Jagger's longtime girlfriend, and The Rolling Stones said Tuesday they have called off tour dates in Australia and New Zealand in the wake of her death.

The iconic band said in a statement they "are deeply sorry and disappointed to announce the postponement of the rest of their 14 ON FIRE tour." Band members thanked fans "for their support at this difficult time."

The Stones were scheduled to play Wednesday in Perth, Australia, and at other stops this week and next week, including Melbourne and Sydney. WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twitter



@tyrabanks

Running late to a meeting. Why? Because I couldn't get my damn winged eyeliner straight!



@IJasonAlexander

That 6:30AM wake up call today was a bit over the top. A simple car alarm going off pre-dawn will suffice.



@JuddApatow

Everyone seems to say 'love you' way more than they used to. Is this a new catch phrase? I don't think more people actually love me.

There's liquid gold hidden in California wine country, part of an olive oil boom in recent years. You can tour an orchard, learn what extra-virgin olive oil really means and taste your way through lemon-, herb- and even chocolate-infused olive oils. Harvest is usually around the end of the year, but any time is good for a visit

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A family run winery whose owners branched out into olives some years ago, this Rutherford, Calif., estate produces four gourmet olive oils and has an onsite olive mill. If you're pressed for time you can do the Splash and Dash tasting, enjoying olive oils and the estate's red wine vinegars. Visit roundpond.com/olive-mill for more.





Long Meadow Ranch

Tailor your visit to be long or short, depending on your inclination. Stop by the winery tasting room in St. Helena to enjoy an olive oil tasting, no appointment needed. For a more in-depth look, visit the winery's Mayacamas Estate. You'll explore the grounds, see the vineyards and visit the oldest olive orchard in Napa County, planted in the 1870s. See longmeadowranch.com.

McEvoy Ranch



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McEvoy Ranch started when Nan McEvoy, part of the family that founded the San Francisco Chronicle, was looking for a place in the country. She settled on 550 acres in Marin County. Inspired by her love of Tuscan olive oil, she worked with Italian expert Maurizio Castelli to create what is now a thriving business. The ranch is open only

at certain times of the year, so you'll need to plan your visit. See mcevoyranch.com.



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The Olive Press offers a tour of its mill in Sonoma where you can learn about how the oil is made, get tips on how to taste oil like a professional and browse the large store. Tour reservations are required at least a week in advance, and cost varies from free to \$20 per person depending on activities selected. See theolivepress.com.

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Under the sea in a Galapagos game of yellow-flippered tag

Diver's colourful swim fins attract creatures both playful and fierce

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"This should be your size." Doubtfully, I look at the bright yellow flippers one of the crew members has just given me. I also look at the other travellers putting theirs on; I am the only one with yellow flippers.

Didn't they say on Discovery Channel that sharks are sensitive to this colour? Oh, well — so be it! I might be the only one in the group to come up close and personal with a shark. Dumping my little thoughts, I jump in the water.

Below the turquoise water I discover a very busy world: Schools of fish keep changing direction as I come too close, forming funny compact shapes without ever bumping into each other.

The Galapagos are a paradise for divers and fauna-andflora aficionados. Each day promises a new encounter. Each island is inhabited by different species.

Boobies and frigates

On Isla Lobos, we encounter blue-footed boobies. These endemic birds do not seem bothered by our presence, they simply stare at us the way we stare at them and keep on about their own business.

In the distance a frigate bird is chasing another that has just emerged from the water with a fish in its beak. The frigate seizes the other bird by the tail and shakes it

Bartolomé Island is notorious for its dramatic lava

until it drops the fish.

carefully walk on the black, sharp-as-knives lava rocks. It's like walking on another

Sea lions and tortoises...

Mosquera Island is the refuge for a massive colony of sea lions. In the water, chances are they will surround you. They are even more curious than I am and head for me freezes me on the spot.

like torpedoes before abruptly steering away to avoid a collision. The sea lions like my yellow fins and some playfully

bite them to check their texture or see how I respond. A tortoise suddenly catches

my eye and I decide to follow her. Her moves are slow and gracious and I enjoy following her until I catch a glimpse of a shape underneath me that

A shark. Moving lazily. Fascinated, I can't look away from the animal, and I continue to observe as it waves its

... and a shark, oh my

tail methodically. The shark accelerates a bit

and disappears into the blue. I'm not sure I should stick around any longer to verify

The sea lions like my yellow fins and some playfully bite them to check their texture or see how I respond.



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Frenchie chef transforms tiny Parisian side street into his culinary kingdom

Rue du Nil. Greg Marchand is shaking up the block with his bistro-inspired venture

Food nourishes the tiny Rue du Nil from the dim light of morning when the first deliveries start going out to Paris' most sought-after restaurants until well after midnight, when the young chef who transformed an unchic side street into a culinary destination finally closes up.

In the meantime, sides of beef age in transparent lockers, pastrami is smoked, root vegetables are fondled, and visitors from around the world poke around in the (usually vain) hope that a reservation might open up at Frenchie, the restaurant that started it all.

The first meal Greg Mar-

dozen or so orphans he shared a home with ate it up. He was subbing for the orphanage cook, who took weekends off. An indifferent student, he enrolled in cooking school after his time in the orphanage ran out at age 17.

"I wasn't the best of the bunch. I had other things to sort out in my life first," he said in a recent interview. "As soon as I finished cooking school, I left France. I wasn't tied to France much." Marchand's

meandering path — hotel restaurants in London and Hong Kong, a beachside bar in Spain, Jamie Oliver's kitchen, New York's Gramercy Tavern — put him at the crest of bistronomie, the French movement combining highbrow gastronomy and the lowly corner bistro. He returned to France in 2009, just coming into his 30s and into

Paris has been a relative latecomer to the idea of fresh food with local ingredients at prices more for the masses. Marchand, who had by then spent his professional life abroad, was unwittingly ready. "A lot of young chefs — I'm

part of it — open a restaurant with no investor, so with not much money. It's often small places, with no designer work because they cannot afford it. But what we have is a craft, knowledge, experience," he said. "It's often chefs who have been travelling a lot. We have a French base, French cuisine basis, but because of our travel we are much more open-minded on ingredients, on culture, on techniques."

For 48 euros (\$75), diners get a three-course meal at Frenchie Oliver's nickname for Marchand back when he was the only Frenchman in the British chef's kitchen. It's not cheap,

cuisine instead routinely get fleeced in brasseries charging far more for factory-produced meals that are discreetly unwrapped and thawed in the

They'll see Marchand peeking out obsessively, serving up some plates himself and unfailingly checking in with customers and mysteriously keeping tabs on comings and goings in the wine bar he runs across the cobblestoned street. There's nothing fancy about

sale in English in March.

30, plates are simple white, and menus come on clipboards. Jeans and sneakers are welcome for staff and customers

not a lot of French voices on the street or inside once the sun goes down. Staff come from all over, and include a smattering destinations for shopping and

Aspiring chefs can also check out Marchand's techniques in his cookbook, which goes on

It's a radically pared down version of what's on offer in the restaurant, which puts out some truly spectacular dishes in a home-sized kitchen crammed with sous chefs specialized equipment and ingredients only seen on Rue du Nil.

f Canadians and Americans Marchand cheerfully - and frequently — speaks English. But a visit to Rue du Nil is

still worth the trip even for those who can't snag a reserva-

ervations in the city, which was certainly not the case before he got there five years ago," said Meg Zimbeck, a transplanted Kansan whose website Paris By Mouth is aimed at food-loving visitors to Paris. "He wants to change the way people shop for food, experience food. Not just turn a massive profit."

And Marchand's influence is spreading. When he mentioned an opening on the street, Alex andre Drouard, a 30-year-old whose Terroir d'Avenir supplies Frenchie and dozens of the most sought-after restaurants in Paris, moved in and opened a butcher, a fish shop and a small grocery store. A coffee roaster recently went in, too Marchand himself expanded to a wine bar (no reservations) and an American-style breakfast and lunch joint whose menu includes pastrami sandwiches



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Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao are Netherlands-associated islands in the south Caribbean Sea, just off the northwest coast of Venezuela. With the blend of Dutch and Afro-Caribbean heritage, crystal clear water and beautiful beaches, this little trio of vacation spots is worth the slightly longer flight. Surrounded by amazing reefs that can be reached without a boat, Bonaire and Curação are especially popular with divers and snorkellers. The colourful capital of Willemstad is great for a wander-around, with more than 750 preserved buildings — this place has roots. Go after April when high season is over and crowds thin out. Visit curacao.com. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Keep doctor away while on vacay

All I saw was the inside of my room. Here are some health tips to make sure you don't miss a thing on your big trip



MOVE
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Getting sick on vacation is never supposed to be part of the itinerary, but it happens. With a little pre-planning there are ways to avoid some common ailments that are a traveller's worst enemy.

Jet lag

Forget the home remedies and focus on being hydrated during your flight. Drink lots of water and avoid alcohol and caffeine. Don't overeat, as the low pressure can make you and your organs swollen and bloated. Upon arrival reprogram your body to eat, exercise and sleep as the lo-

Bitter medicine: Nobody likes to get sick while on vacation, so plan ahead to stay healthy. ISTOCK

cal time zone dictates. Get as much sunshine as you can; it lets your body know that the schedule has changed.

Norovirus

Cruise ship outbreaks of the Norwalk virus can ruin a holiday on the waves. The good news is that the frequency of an outbreak is distorted by the media attention it receives when it does happen. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the U.S., it's only an outbreak when three per cent or more of those on board report symptoms.

The best course of resistance is to be vigilant about your personal hygiene while on board. Wash your hands with soap and rub and rinse

for at least 15 seconds. That is longer than you think, so make sure to count it out.

Malaria

Most travellers know to take anti-malarial medication in high-risk zones, but there's more to preventing the disease than just swallowing a pill. Always use insect repellent with DEET and dress appropriately; long sleeve shirts, pants and boots. Visit a travel medical clinic prior to your trip to learn where the latest malarial hot spots are. You may be surprised to hear that popular destinations like Mexico and Panama have malarial

Tropical diseases

Typically, destinations with high levels of poverty have poor sanitation, which can lead to poor quality of food and water and lack of mitigating measures against insects and rodents. However, don't be fooled — luxurious surroundings and high-end resorts don't always protect you from getting infected.

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Diseases like hepatitis A or viral influenza could strike you almost anywhere. Visit a travel medical clinic before any tropical vacation for the most up-to-date information. Avoid salads and salsas and stick to food rules 101: only eat what you can boil, cook or peel. Drink bottled water and decline ice cubes in your



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Shopping around for a new gig?

You've got this job in the bag. A career in retail is an easy sell once you consider the opportunities in store

DA SILVA-POWELL

Planning on landing your first job in retail?

There are a number of different qualities that make retail a promising field, whether you're taking your first career step or planning for a career transition. Identifying some of the great qualities of working in retail can help you create a long-term plan for your career.

Here are three reasons retail is a great career field, as well as some tips to help you plan your next move.

There is variety and growth potential

Since some of the most visible jobs in retail involve working directly with the public in a retail store, it's easy to be tricked into thinking that "retail" is just a type or level of job.

Remember this: retail is an industry.

This means that all sorts of career opportunities are present for a candidate with the right background who is willing to invest some time learning from the

ou don't learn by looking

Many people experience

their first role in retail as

and leave convinced that

a part-time or summer job

"working in retail" means

never moving beyond that

first role, never learning or

growing (or earning more

In reality, every career

path presents opportun-

ities to learn, grow and

develop transferable

Store manager Mandy

Utton knows. While her

years of retail experience

at Starbucks have taught

her a lot about company

the most important skills

routines and products,

she focuses on one of

she puts to work every

money).

day.

Many opportunities branch outwards from entry-level positions on the retail floor, because these roles are hands-on learning experiences and provide plenty of opportunity to demonstrate skills and potential. ISTOCK

ground up.
"Too often, students forget that many senior executives started from the ground level of their organizations and worked their way up," says Devon Blower, a recruitment specialist

"The most important thing I've learned is how to lead," she says. "My job is managing a store, but it is leadership that

Part of any learning experience is recognizing that you don't know what you don't know so don't make assumptions about a job until you've had a chance to experience it first-hand (for months, not days).

Tip: Do your research. See if you can connect with people in your prospective retail position and learn more about the job and industry. This is networking — you'll be doing it for your whole career.

It's increasingly common for entry-level retail applicants to have long-term career plans with an organization - and to share those plans as part of an application or interview process.

"There are lots of candidates all trying to get into this organization and this industry," says Devon. "We have lots of opportunity."

Tip: What roles do you want to explore at your prospective employer in the long-Why? Answering these questions will help you plan your search more effectively.

You can pursue your interests — or discover new ones

Since retail is an industry, there are a lot of opportunity for to pursue a personal passion at work, or even discover a new one.That's what happened to Maya Bielinski, who went to work at her family's jewelry store with trepidation.

"My parents had always worked in the business, and I was pretty sure I wanted nothing to do with it," she

says. "I didn't know anything about metalsmithing or jewelry design or gemstones — and at the time I didn't even want to learn!"

That changed pretty quickly, when she found an old book about precious stones one day while on break.

"I guess I needed to see it all from a different angle. I never considered the geography or geology or chemical "composition of gemstones," Maya says. "But this little book had me hooked. I was fascinated by all this new knowledge."

The more she learned, the more she found herself engaging at the store even fashioning trinkets of her own and connecting with customers who expressed interest. Soon, she found herself with a new

"I was surrounded by all these incredible objects and

"Too often, students forget that many senior executives started from the ground level of their organizations."

Devon Blower

Recruitment specialist with Bell

by people who really valued the artistry and skill that went into creating them. Jewelry wasn't just shiny ornaments anymore — I started seeing it as sculpture, sometimes showcasing amazing geology."

While she's moved on to pursue a law degree, she credits her first employment experience in retail with helping her start building skills she's put to work since.

"If you can find a thread of interest in whatever work you're doing, pursue it. Curiosity and dedication will serve you well whatever job you're working.'

Tip: Got a hobby, talent or interest? See if that selftaught background positions you for a corresponding type of retail role. Your employer will probably appreciate your product knowledge.

Just about every job listing sparks fierce competition, and retail is no exception. You won't land your first job in retail unless you're ready to consistently challenge yourself to grow and expand your knowledge. Count on it.

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Clicks, consoles and conversation

Pondering between play. Game makers to explore misogyny, racism and homophobia at annual gathering

The video game industry is taking itself more seriously.

Besides the usual talk of polygons, virtual worlds and artificial intelligence at this week's Game Developers Conference in San Francisco, there will also be planned discussions led by game makers about such socially conscious topics as designing for gamers with disabilities, battling depression at game studios and tackling hate speech in online game communities.

The organizers of GDC, which kicked off Monday at the Moscone Center and continues through Friday, have expanded the conference's advocacy-themed sessions with panels featuring such titles as Beyond Graphics: Reaching the Visually Impaired Gamer, How to Subversively Queer Your Work and



Women Don't Want to Work in Games (and Other Myths).

"It's something that in some way or another has always been part of the conference, but it's something that we've found interest in genuinely continue to grow as the industry has become more diverse and inclusive," said Simon Carless, executive vice-president

of UBM Tech Game Network, which organizes GDC and several other technology conventions.

This year's conference is expected to attract about 23,000 game developers and executives from across the globe. Carless and other GDC organizers, which includes an advocacy advisory committee made

up of game designers, hope that examinations of racism, misogyny and homophobia in games aid the industry's continued fight for wider cultural legitimacy.

Rosalind Wiseman, author of the book Queen Bees and Wannabes, which inspired the Lindsay Lohan film Mean Girls, was part of a Tuesday discus-

Gab and games

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Simon Carless on incorporating lectures that tackle real-life issues into the Game Developers Conference itinerary

sion about gaming and social hierarchies among boys.

The panel examined how the games that young men choose to play affect their popularity, as well as their social competence in moments of conflict.

Other speakers will include Adam Orth, who left Microsoft Corp. last year after fiery Twitter exchanges about "alwayson" technology; Manveer Heir, a game maker who works on the Mass Effect sci-fi series, which features gay and lesbian characters; and Toshifumi Nakabayashi, who organizes an annual game workshop to support Fukushima disaster victims.

Despite the refreshed focus on real-world issues at the convention, how to view and interact with ever-changing virtual worlds will ultimately take centre stage at GDC.

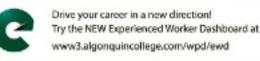
PlayStation 4 creator Sony Corp. was expected to tease its rendition of virtual reality technology during a Tuesday presentation called Driving the Future of Innovation at Sony Computer Entertainment.

Meanwhile, a handful of developers will be showing off software using the VR goggles Oculus Rift, which captured attendees' attention at last year's conference

The exhibit ALT.CTRL.GDC will highlight 14 games that utilize such alternative control schemes, like a piano-powered version of the sidescroller Canabalt and a holographic display called Voxiebox.

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From bitty beauty biz to viral victory

Online shine. Canadian designers hope to net clicks, boost business by offering up their wares to the web world

Sid Neigum's creations are carried in shopping hot spots at home and abroad, and he's now hoping that online sales will translate into a boost for both brand awareness and the bottom line.

The Alberta-born, Torontobased designer is one of several homegrown talents being showcased this month on Gilt, a U.S.-based online shopping website that ships to more than 180 countries.

"It just opens you up to the entire world versus just one town or one city," said Neigum, a native of Drayton Valley, Alta., whose designs are sold in Toronto, Montreal, New York, Los Angeles, Seoul and Hong Kong

"It opens you up to an entire new market of consumers that I hadn't had before, and

it's just a great promotional platform, too."

Like Neigum, Chloe and Parris Gordon aren't relying solely on their runway presentation at Toronto's World MasterCard Fashion Week to reach potential customers.

The sibling design duo behind womenswear and accessory brand Beaufille have an online shop on their label's site, but see the partnership with Gilt as an opportunity for more widespread exposure.

"We're sitting next to designers that we'd love to sit next to in a boutique setting," said Parris of the site, which features such notable names as Diane von Furstenberg, Narciso Rodriguez and Kate Spade. "So for us as designers being new and Canadian, it's a huge platform, and I think we're really excited to be a part of it."

A Statistics Canada report released last October found the value of online orders placed by Canadians reached \$18.9 billion in 2012, a 24 per cent increase from 2010. Among online shoppers, 42 per cent purchased clothing, jewelry or accessories. U.S.-based Forrester



Research expects online retail consum

Research expects online retail sales in Canada to reach \$34 billion in 2018, representing 10 per cent of all total retail transactions in the country.

As bricks-and-mortar stores carve out a digital presence with e-commerce sites, a growing slate of Canadian online retailers are also vying for consumer dollars with curated collections of designer goods and added incentives aimed at appealing to homegrown shoppers.

Designer footwear site The September touts its duty-free offerings as well as free shipping and returns to Canadian customers, while eLUXE offers

A whole new world

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Designer Sid Neigum on working with online shopping site Gilt

complimentary styling services and features homegrown labels like Smythe in addition to international brands. Luxury retailer SSENSE used an inventive approach to bring awareness and sales to the site a few years ago by styling the looks in a music video that consumers could click on and buy as they watched the clip.

"E-commerce in general continues to grow, but what we bring — and what some sites similar to us bring — is excitement every day, it's inspiration," said Marshall Porter, senior vice-president and general manager of international and business development for Gilt.

Style on file

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"It's not just about finding a pair of black pants; it's going to Gilt and seeing what inspired our curators and merchandising teams and hoping that it inspires our members as well."

For designers looking to further bolster their brands through online sales, establishing an e-commerce platform is just the beginning, with several other key elements needed to drive the momentum.

"You need to find the right programmer, you need to work on the design.... and also you need to do the constant work of promoting and inviting the people to go to your page. So it's a big challenge," said France-born designer Cecile Raizonville of Matière Noire, whose Montreal-based label launched its online boutique last September.

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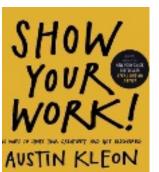
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You write, you paint, you compose — but who really cares besides you? With a few good tips from the book Show Your Work by Austin Kleon it might be easier to get noticed among all the other artists out there. We got some of the best advice from his boldly designed book.

Share something small every day

"The thing about sharing is that you want to make sure it's an act of generosity, and that what you're sharing is either interesting or useful to the people on the other end.

"When I say 'share some-

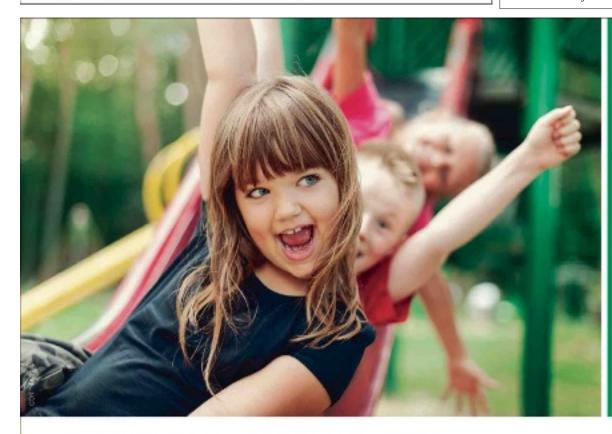


thing small every day' it can be something very small. Just one little piece of your process that you think might be interesting or helpful for someone else. Some of the writers I follow (online) share their favourite sentence that they read every day. Or an artist will just share a page from their sketchbook. Little bits and pieces you can share every day that kind of put yourself out there and keep people up to date with what you're doing. It's kind of like if

a filmmaker will share the DVD extras while they were still making the movie."

Learn to take a punch

"When you put your work out into the world you have to be ready for the good, the bad and the ugly. I feel that sharing your work on the whole is a very pleasant and good experience, but you're always going to take a punch, so to speak. You really just have to get your work out there and experience what it's like to have it out. Just to have people see it and talk about it. The way to take a punch is to get hit a lot. Get used to being hit, you know. It's important to remember that your work isn't you. People feel really close to their work, but you have to remember that the products of your work aren't necessarily you personally. So when people tear down your work they're not necessarily tearing



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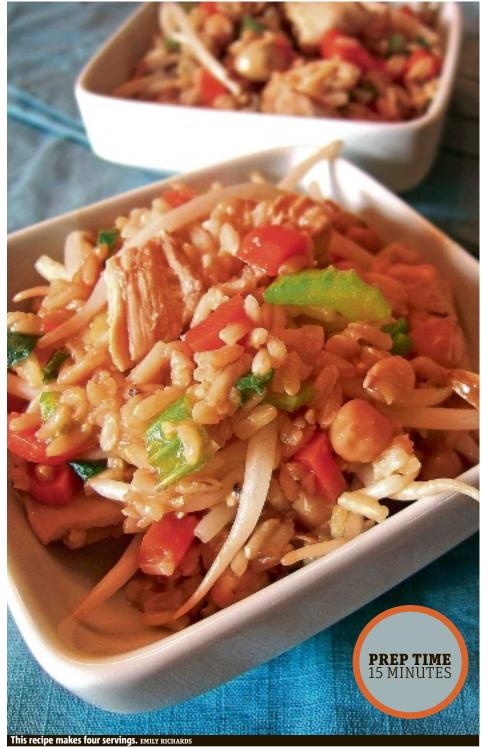
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Sneak extra fibre and protein into a Chinese food fave

Chicken Fried Rice.

With the addition of chickpeas, this dish takes on a healthier profile that is sure to become a family fave



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One my grandmother's favourite things to eat is Chinese food.

I'm not sure if it's the colourful sauces or the strong differences in flavours from her mother country's Italian food but she sure does enjoy it.

So, at her 85 years of age, I like to make food for her that is hearty and healthy. Here is a version of chicken fried rice that fits the bill.

Luckily, she approves of it - even with the slightly sneaky addition of chick-

Vegetarian Fried Rice option: Use vegetable broth for the chicken stock and omit chicken breasts. Use 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) chopped extra firm tofu for the chicken.

You can use 2 cups (500 ml) of cooked chopped or shredded chicken instead of cooking chicken for the recipe.

peas for additional fibre! The chickpeas also add protein to keep you full.

Colourful and easy to make, it should quickly become your grandma's (and entire family's) favourite

- 1. In a saucepan, bring 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) of the sodium reduced chicken stock and brown rice to boil.
- **2.** Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for about 25 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Fluff with fork and set aside.
- 3. In a large nonstick skillet heat the sesame oil over

medium high heat and cook boneless skinless chicken and sliced mushrooms for about 8 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink.

- **4.** Add the chopped green onions, diced carrot, sliced celery, cooked chickpeas and cooked rice. Cook, stirring for 2 another minutes to combine all of the fla-
- Add the remaining chicken stock and soy sauce and cook for 5 minutes. Add bean sprouts and toss to
- **6.** Serve on its own or with side of sautéed vegetables.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) sodium reduced chicken broth
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) brown rice • 1 tsp (5 ml) sesame oil
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts, chopped (about 12
- oz/340 g)
- 1 cup (250 ml) sliced mush-
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sliced celery
- 1 cup (250 ml) cooked chick-
- peas 2 tbsp (30 ml) sodium reduced
- soy sauce 2 cups (500 ml) bean sprouts

Savoury yet light Asian flavour

Fried Asian food (think spring rolls, wontons) is a lot of people's fave, but who wants to

deep-fry at home? Simple teriyaki chicken served in lettuce wraps is not only full of Asian

flavours but healthier too.

- 1. In a small bowl, whisk together the soy sauce, honey, ginger, garlic powder, hot sauce and fish sauce. Set aside.
- 2. In a food processor, combine carrots and onion. Pulse until finely chopped. Add chicken, then pulse several times to begin chopping chicken. Add sauce, then continue pulsing just until chicken is well chopped, but not ground.
- medium-high, heat the oil.

Add the chicken and cook, stirring often and breaking up any clumps, until cooked through, about 8 minutes. In a small glass, stir together the cornstarch and water, then add to the skillet. Stir and cook for another 2 minutes.

4. Transfer the chicken to one side of a serving platter. Arrange the lettuce leaves on the other side. Diners help themselves by spooning the chicken into individual leaves, using the leaves as they would a sandwich wrap.

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Ingredients

- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup honey 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp hot sauce
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 3 medium carrots, cut into chunks
- 1 small yellow onion, quartered
- 1 1/2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 2 tbsp canola oil
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tbsp cool water 1 head Boston lettuce, separ-
- ated into leaves (or similar broad, tender lettuce)
- 3. In a large skillet over

SPORTS



Homan and crew rock on against Scotland

Canada's Alison Kreviazuk, left, the second cousin of singer Chantal Kreviazuk, and Lisa Weagle sweep a rock thrown by Ottawa skip Rachel Homan during Tuesday's game at the Ford World Women's Curling Championship in Saint John, N.B. Canada improved to 6-1 with an 8-3 win over Scotland. Andrew Valighan/The Canadian PRESS

Nam readies for his next big jump

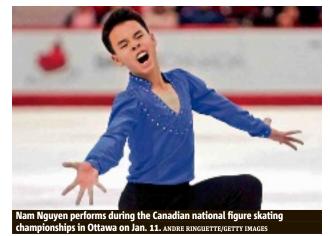
Figure skating. World junior champ looks to bolster his trophy case

Nam Nguyen was 11 years old when he performed in the figure skating exhibition gala at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics; a pint-sized phenom who charmed the crowd in his checked pants and goofy big round glasses.

His role represented the future of figure skating.

Nguyen met with reporters Tuesday at the Toronto Cricket Club, fresh off his recent victory at the world junior championships, and said he couldn't have imagined back then that the future would arrive so quickly.

"It is crazy," the Ottawaborn Nguyen said. "I was on the Olympic ice just performing, doing the gala, and I think from there a lot of people took notice of me. And from then until now, I trained really hard and I



accomplished a lot of things in

that time.

"And now I'm the junior world champion. Talking to you."

He's grown six inches or more in the past year, and carries himself with a maturity that wasn't there even earlier this season.

Saturday in Sofia, Bulgaria,

Nguyen laid down two clean programs and landed two triple Axels in his free skate — a jump that has tripped up even Patrick Chan a few times — en route to claiming the world junior crown. He won despite being three years younger than the maximum allowable age for world juniors.

What's been a whirlwind

season will continue next week when Nguyen competes for Canada at the world (senior) championships in Tokyo.

More and more these days, Nguyen gets compared to Chan, who isn't competing next week.

"Some people say I may be the next Patrick Chan, and I think that's a huge honour, he's a three-time world champion, Olympic silver medallist, and that's amazing," Nguyen said.

Nguyen started figure skating when he was five, and like Chan, he originally took it up to improve his hockey skills.

He won national titles in juvenile, pre-novice, novice and junior, becoming the youngest Canadian to do so with each one.

Nguyen then moved from Vancouver to Toronto in the summer of 2012 to work with Brian Orser, the two-time Olympic silver medallist who guided Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu to Olympic gold in Sochi.

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MLB

Tigers feast on Romero and Jays

Ricky Romero's comeback bid hit another road bump Tuesday in an ugly 18-4 Jays loss to a Detroit Tigers split squad.

Romero gave up a two-run homer to Austin Jackson in the second after hitting a Tiger to put him on base, and yielded another run in an unsightly third that featured a triple, four walks and two wild pitches. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Bees strong: Yanks fend off Red Sox, swarm

The biggest buzz didn't come from a third straight positive outing by Michael Pineda in the New York Yankees' 8-1 victory Tuesday over the Boston Red Sox.

That honour went to a swarm of bees that took over left field and delayed the game for seven minutes before the bottom of the third. Umpires called out the grounds crew, who chased the bees away with bug spray. Pineda gave up four hits and struck out five in 4 1/3 shutout innings. The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Knicks welcome back Jackson

Phil Jackson has returned to the New York Knicks as their team president.

The Knicks announced Jackson's hiring Tuesday at Madison Square Garden. Jackson signed a five-year contract that reportedly will pay him at least \$12 million. Jackson was a member of the Knicks' championship-winning teams in 1970 and 1973 and went on to become the league's most successful coach, winning 11 championships with the Los Angeles Lakers and Chicago Bulls.

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OHLer Trafford's death leaves so many questions



The tragic suicide of Saginaw Spirit hockey player Terry Trafford has left a trail of tears and trauma, almost too much to handle for the powerful major junior hockey community.

The funeral was Tuesday in Toronto, but the questions began the day it was first reported that the Ontario Hockey League player had gone missing.

Yes, it appears mistakes were made in relaying news to Trafford and his family that the 20-year-old had been dropped from the team and was not welcome back this season. That much we seem to know.

But what about the policies and procedures of major junior hockey teams in the wake of the senseless tragedy?

Dr. Natascha Wesch, a former star athlete with the Canadian women's rugby team and now a sports psychologist based in London, Ont., is closer than most to the epicentre of the bureaucratic earthquake that may lay ahead.

She is the help needed when the London Knights organization senses trouble with players off the ice.

"I don't think the OHL has a policy that somebody must be there," Wesch said in an interview with Metro. "Does each team call on someone? I would say that no, not each team has somebody. Now should each team? Absolutely."

The reasons, Wesch said, for looking deeper into the league issues following Trafford's death are more than they appear on the surface.

"I think not only from the psychological, emotional and just the right thing to do, but also from a liability perspective," she said. "If you think from just a business perspec-



Quoted

"I just think you are asking young men to be prepared to behave and have the cognitive and coping abilities of an adult without giving them, for the most part, any of the tools to do so."

Dr. Natascha Wesch, London, Ont., sports psychologist

tive, pure and simple business, if I have an employee that comes in drunk, I just can't let them go home. I have to provide for their safety and make sure I call a cab and do all those things."

Wesch said a professional outside the team's management, player agents and billets are needed to provide confidential help to the junior hockey players, on a moment's notice if needed.

"These athletes are physically ready to play. They're potentially, I will argue, emotionally ready to play, but once something breaks down, who is there to help them recover and put the pieces back together?

"Well, if your leg breaks, you've got a physician there. If your tooth breaks, you've got a dentist there. If your brain, if you will, your psyche breaks, well, you're supposed



to figure that out all on your own because you are a tough hockey player."

That, Wesch said, is what needs to change immediately.

It's just unfortunate a player had to die before the discussion began.

"That's what needs to happen sometimes. Look at the

Sidney Crosby situation. How many people had concussions before him, but all of a sudden it became important," she

First Four

Albany sets up date with Gators

D.J. Evans scored 22 points, including two clinching free throws with 12.6 seconds left, to lead Albany to its first NCAA tournament victory, 71-64 over Mount St. Mary's on Tuesday night in the First Four.

The Great Danes (19-14) advance to meet overall No. 1 seed and top-ranked Florida on Thursday in Orlando.

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CFL

Pass interference rule under review

The CFL is considering whether to make pass interference subject to video review, the league announced Tuesday.

Under a proposal to be voted upon Thursday by the league's rules committee, coaches would be allowed to challenge both called and potential defensive pass interference fouls under certain conditions.

If passed, the CFL would become the first football league to subject pass interference to video review.

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NFL

Newton to go under the knife

The Carolina Panthers have announced that quarterback Cam Newton will undergo surgery Wednesday on his left ankle and will be sidelined for four months.

The team says he has experienced soreness in the ankle since the end of last season.

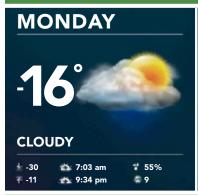
Newton led the Panthers to a 12-4 record last season and the NFC South championship and was selected to the Pro Bowl.

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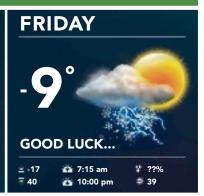
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Smile big in the 2014 Mini Cooper



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2014 Mini Cooper

- **Type.** Two-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback
- Engines (hp). 1.5-litre DOHC I3, turbocharged (134); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (189).
- Transmissions. Six-speed manual;
 six-speed automatic (opt.)
- Base price (incl. destination). \$22,750



Fueleconomy

The base Cooper's already-decent fuel economy should improve to about 6.9 l/100 km in the city and 5.4 on the highway with the six-speed stick (up from 7.4/5.7).

Design

The length of the two-door hatchback (Mini insists on calling it a hardtop) has increased by 11.5 centimetres, all ahead of the doors. That's also where the most obvious changes occur, including the trapezoidal grille and blacked-out bumper. The windshield is also a little steeper, which gives the Mini a sleeker appearance.

Review. The same . . . but totally different? This shouldn't really come as a surprise to anyone

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Some cars can make you smile, whether you're behind the wheel, riding as a passenger, or watching them drive down the street.

Since its 2002 model-year arrival, the Mini Cooper has enjoyed a growing number of admirers, due in no small part to the Mini brand adding more and more models.

The third-generation BMW-built Mini, which goes on sale this spring, should elicit the same appreciative grins even if to the casual observer it appears much the same as before.

Hard-core Mini fans will, however, note significant changes afoot everywhere, which is because virtually every aspect of the Mini Cooper is brand new. The extra 4.5 centimetres in width is good news for passengers and should also make for flatter cornering. As well, an extra three centimeres between the front and rear wheels doesn't sound like much, but for rear-seat riders, who can now recline the split-folding back cushion for added comfort, every little bit helps. There's also slightly more stowage space with the rear seat in the upright position.

The rest of the cabin has undergone a major retooling. Most obvious, the centrestack-mounted speedometer has been relocated to the steering column. It's flanked by a half-moon tachometer to the left and the fuel gauge lights on the right.

The clock-like centre-stack pod carries over and houses the infotainment, communications and navigation systems that are controlled by a rotary dial on the floor console. Near it are pushbuttons for the air conditioning, ventilation and seat warmers plus toggle switches for other functions such as traction and

stability control that reduce the likelihood of skids and spins in adverse conditions.

Easily the most radical change is found under the hood as there are two new powerplants. Base models run with a turbocharged 1.5-litre three-cylinder that puts out 134 horsepower and 162 pound-feet of torque. That's up considerably from the previous non-turbo 1.6-litre four-cylinder's 121 horsepower and relatively puny 114 pound-feet of torque.

Moving up to the Cooper S puts you in control of a turbo-charged 2.0-litre four-cylinder with 189 horsepower and 207 pound-feet of torque (the 2013 Cooper S generated 181 horses and 208 pound-feet of torque)

The new standard sixspeed manual transmission has a more precise shift linkage, while a six-speed automatic is optional.

Both engines feature an overboost function to provide a bit more torque for a few seconds (good for added passing power) when the gas pedal is floored. Overboost also

helps the base cars achieve a zero-to-100 km/h time of 7.9 seconds, versus 8.6 seconds for the previous base four-cylinder. The Cooper S can do it in 6.8 seconds (previously 7.0), as measured by Mini.

For 2014, the base price \$22,750, including destination charges, but there are several new options that could tempt you to spend more. They include an adjustable suspension with Comfort and Sport settings as well as a Head-Up-Display that projects speed and basic navigation info onto a dash-mounted pop-up monitor. The oddest accessory is the self-park feature to guide a skills-deficient Mini driver into an appropriate spot. Honestly, anyone unable to parallel-park a car this small should consider purchasing a bus pass.

However, the additions and improvements to the Mini Cooper give it more of a real-car persona, which makes it feel less like a novelty. That should also make it much easier to justify as a purchase and much easier to live with

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The state of your hat

Vintage licence plates look really cool when attached to vintage automobiles, but they also look good on headgear produced by Gasoline Caps of Portland, Ore. The company's line of hats features embroidered patches of various state license plates from a wide range of years. A few of the many styles include a 1935 Vermont, 1975 Montana, 1952 Michigan, 1969 Alabama and 1957 Ohio. All of the company's one-size-fits-all caps are made from either blended wool or canvas fabrics and with either snap or Velcro closures, depending on your selection. Prices range from \$28-\$30 US each. You can check out the complete line at gasolinecaps.com.



Touch screen gloves

It's difficult enough, if not downright impossible, to use your touch-screen tablet or smart phone while wearing a normal pair of gloves, much less a pair of work gloves. But



that problem has been solved by the folks at Mechanix Wear who have recently come out with The Original Touch gloves that allow you to use your device(s) while you work on your vehicle. Each machinewashable mitt features touchscreen-compatible material on the thumb, index and middle finger in addition to four designated contact points so you can look up part numbers, instructions, shop manuals, etc. without removing your glove. Each M, L, XL, or XXL pair sells for \$25 US and can be ordered at mechanix.com.

Pedals in metal

Whether you want one for your kids, or as a display item for your office or garage, pedal cars are really neat to have around. And for many collectors, the type of 1950s-style kid-mobiles that are produced by InStep are ideal. The company, which is a division of bicycle-maker Schwinn, makes a variety of classic pedal cars, including this neat black and white police car. It features all-steel construction with rubber tires and chrome hubcaps. And the adjustable pedals allow children of varying sizes to go for a spin. The police car sells for \$160 US, but you can step up to a hot rod model with flaming paint for an extra 10 bucks. There's also a fire-truck model for \$180 US. See and order these and other pedal cars at instep.net.



High-flying office chair

Technically, this isn't an automotiverelated item, but who wouldn't want an office chair as unique as this one? It's an actual ejection seat from a



McDonnell-Douglas F-4 jet that was flown by U.S. Navy, Army and Marine pilots from the early 1960s until the mid-1990s. MotoArt, the company responsible for creating these unique chairs, modifies them for civilian use by attaching an aluminum swivel base with double-wheel castors and adding leather seat cushions in your choice of colours. MotoArt claims it takes about 100 hours to produce each made-to-order office chair, which is likely why they don't advertise the price. Get all the details, scope out MotoArt's other combat-aircraft seats and contact the company directly through motoart.com.











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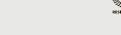
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Hey, that sinkhole eight my classic Corvettes!



The 1962 Corvette was the first one out of the sinkhole, and sustained less damage than one might have expected for such a

Every cloud ... The positive side of this story is that museum attendance is up and three of the cars have been salvaged so far



PILOT

The sinkhole at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, which swallowed eight historic Corvettes last month, was certainly bad news for Corvette fans and the museum.

But museum attendance and interest is up since the sinkhole, so not all bad I guess..

People are obviously fascinated with the spectacle and drama of a sinkhole. Throw in some super-special Corvettes, and suddenly you have a major-league attraction on your hands.

One report I read also noted that museum patrons are even fascinated with all the "crane action" going on. The cranes are part of the efforts to extricate the fallen 'Vettes.

Big cranes. Cool sports cars. Big sinkhole. Now that's a museum even a 10-year-old ADD

The Sinkholed Eight • 1962 black Corvette

• 1992 white 1 millionth Corvette

• 1984 PPG Pace Car

• 1993 ZR1 Spyder

- 1993 40th anniversary Corvette
- 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette
- 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil"
- 2009 white 1.5 millionth

boy could love. I wonder if they're taking notes over at the Royal Ontario, Glenbow, and National Gallery; maybe even contemplating how one or two of their more esoteric exhibits might benefit from a similar sinkhole makeover.

The 1962 Corvette was the first to get rescued, lifted out of the sinkhole nose first. Engineers then successfully extracted the 2009 Corvette ZR-1 "Blue Devil" and a 1993 40th anniversary model Corvette. All three were in surprisingly good shape, considering.

The remaining cars had more stuff fall on top of them

and are more heavily damaged. As of this writing, three 'Vettes are still in the sinkhole: a oneoff ZR1 Spyder; the 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06, and the 1.5 millionth Corvette.

Construction crews need to continue to stabilize the walls of the sinkhole before attempting to vacuum out the dirt from around those remaining cars. But they are sure to be rescued at some point, and then they will likely join the other "survivors" in a special display, before they all get made new again. The sinkhole is in the Skydome, a separate structure from the main museum. While the Skydome is off-limits for now, the main museum remains open.

There are two adjoining walls between the buildings. One wall features a video monitor, which shows live webcam footage of the work going on in the Skydome. The other features a plexi-glass viewing area.

Sinkholes are not uncommon in Kentucky, one of several U.S. states especially prone to them, by virtue of the Karst topography, a landscape largely formed by the dissolving action of water on soft bedrock (usually limestone).

Corvettes have been made exclusively in Kentucky, at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, since 1981. I guess it was only a matter of time then, before those two great Kentucky forces collided.









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Mexico the victors in Free Trade Agreement

Driving Force. Low wages and lower parts costs is the reason automakers are flocking to, and building steadily in, the Latin-American nation

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Twenty years ago, Canada, the United States and Mexico entered into the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which eliminated almost all tariffs and trade restrictions between the three countries, including vehicle production. But two decades later, it looks like Mexico ended up getting the most out of the arrangement.

"While Canadian vehicle production has increased marginally from where it was 20 years ago, it tails the tripling that we've seen occurring in Mexico," says Carlos Gomes, senior economist and auto industry specialist for Scotiabank.

"We have historically accounted for about 16 per cent of overall North American vehicle production, but in recent years, our share of investment has declined to about 5 per cent."

While the domestic automakers-Chrysler, Ford and General Motors—originally made up the bulk of production in Mexico, Japanese and European automakers now account for the majority of Mexico's output.

Companies such as Volkswagen, Nissan, Honda, and Mazda already build or are about to start production in Mexico, while Audi is constructing a new plant that is expected to turn out its first vehicle in 2016, and BMW is in negotiations for a new facility.

Part of the reason is wages: Mexico's labour costs are approximately 20 per cent lower than in the rest of North America. However, another important factor is that Mexico has free trade agreements with some 40 countries, which allows automakers to build their cars there and then ship them duty-free to global markets. This includes models sold in Canada and the U.S., which not only eliminates potential tariffs, but cuts down on transportation costs, since the vehicles don't have to be shipped from overseas.

The Mexican plants go into areas that ours don't," Gomes says. "That's a big difference. The Canadian plants export almost exclusively to the U.S., whereas in Mexico, they export to the U.S. but more than 20 per cent of their shipments are outside of the NAFTA region. It's these (markets) in particular that are growing at a faster pace."

The domestic automakers originally built factories

- Manufacturing. Auto production makes up 15 per cent of Mexico's overall manufacturing, but it is only 10 per cent of Canada's total, and is 9 per cent in the United States.
- Imported parts. Some 23 per cent of all auto parts imported by the U.S. came from Mexico when NAFTA began, but now it's 34 per
- **Big money.** Carmakers invested \$2.9 billion into Mexico's automotive industry in 2013, almost double what the country received on average each year over the last decade.

in Mexico to make parts at lower cost that were then shipped north to car plants for final assembly. In 1998, Mexico passed Canada as the top parts supplier to the U.S. assembly lines.

Today, each vehicle built in the United States now contains approximately \$4,000 in Mexican-built parts, but only about \$1,500 in parts from Canadian







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Whatever information you may have that others do not you should treat it like gold dust today. The less others know about what you are up to, the more you will benefit.

ll Gemini May 22 - June 21

If you play your cards right over the next few days, there is every chance that some of your big dreams will start to come true. The dividing line between fantasy and reality is auite narrow.

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June 22 - July 23

Important people are watching you closely, so make sure they like what they see. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart tomorrow will energize you and make you more ambitious.

Ω Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Make sure facts are on your side if you want to make an issue out of something. Remember, it's not enough to tell others that they are doing it wrong. They also need to be shown how to do it right.

W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Today

If your sixth sense tells you that something isn't quite right, listen to it and refrain from doing anything that might lead you down the wrong path - especially financially.

** 0°/-2°

** 1-3cm of snow

△ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 As the Sun is about to move

into the relationship area of your chart you should make more of an effort to get along with the people around you, even those you don't like.

M Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to start thinking about cutting back on work. The past few weeks have been a time of great activity and your momentum will keep you going for a while yet, but your body needs a break.

✓ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

No matter how difficult the past few weeks have been, your affairs will improve dramatically as of tomorrow. Cheer up and stop acting as if the world is about to end.

17 Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The Sun's change of signs tomorrow means you can come to grips with a family issue that has been causing you plenty of grief. Let loved ones know what you think and how you feel and invite them to be honest with you as well.

⋙ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The more you are on the move over the next few days, the more likely it is you will find answers to the questions you have been asking. You may not be thrilled by some of the things you learn but the truth is about facts, not feelings.

)(Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Good news concerning your finances is coming your way in the next few days. You won't get something for nothing but you'll at least have more cash in your pocket. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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Across

- 1. Ointment
- 5. House's behind-thewalls sights
- 10. __ Lake, Alberta
- 14. Parkay, for one
- 15. Totally ticked 16. Cleaving tool
- 17. Sham
- 18. "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" cast member: 2 wds.
- 20. Turn to for trusty support: 2 wds.
- 22. Website's main
- page 23. Stylish sash
- 24. Glass-making stuff 26. Fly elegantly
- 28. Venezuela's capital
- 31. Takes the pen's 'lid' off
- 35. Full range 36. "__ Lap" (1983)
- 38. Vegan's no-no
- 39. __ and beyond 40. Geological period
- 41. Book part 42. Wine, in Italy
- 43. What 'i' has on
- top, 44. Sound-making
- cow 45. Immerse
- 47. Terri Clark hit: "Poor, Poor __ Me" 49. Chesterfield
- 51. Jan & Dean's "
- City"
- 52. Perform 55. Ms. Del Rev 57. Peanut butter
- 61. 1990 Kiefer Sutherland movie in which Julia Roberts
- also starred 64. Concern
- 65. Glowing light
- 66. Countrified 67. All square
- 68. Stack of paper 69. Gradient

70. George W. Bush, et al.

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- **Down** 1. 1922 Nobel Prize
- in Physics winner, Niels
- 2. Cosmetic cream's content
- 3. Actress, Sharon

4. "King of Spain": Hit tune for what Can-

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- adian band?: 2 wds. 5. Checked blanket dining experience
- 6. Mr. Levin 7. Way
- 8. Set of values
- 9. British actress Jane 10. Corp. bigwig con-
- cerned with money 11. "Deal ___ Deal"
 12. Singer/songwriter Lisa
- 13. Mr. Arnaz

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- 19. Former PM Mr. Chretien
- 21. Pontificate
- 25. Recorded
- 27. Red coat wearing

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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